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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. a. Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau

(1) Between 1 and 15 March 1950, occupied by 18 to 22-year-old troops without any decorations, wearing black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. They were estimated at 500 to 600. One hundred and fifty troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia did formation drill in the barracks yard on 12 March 1950.

(2) A platoon of about 40 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and equipped with long spades and double-bitted pickaxes marched out of the barracks.

(3) Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified:

[REDACTED]

(4) [REDACTED] A fragment of an envelope bearing [REDACTED] was found near the barracks.

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b. Napola (former Nazi training school), Klotzsche:

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(1) Still occupied, as before, by 500 to 800 troops. The soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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(2) In addition to motor vehicles with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] passenger cars [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] were observed.

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c. Luftnachrichten Kaserne Klotzsche:

(1) Still occupied to capacity between 1 and 15 March 1950.

(2) Service colors observed were listed in order of their frequency:

Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia

Black-bordered black epaulets with crossed-axes insignia

Black-bordered black epaulets with axe-and-spade insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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(3) An envelope bearing [REDACTED] was found along the barracks fence.

(4) About 20 soldiers did mechanics' work on three tanks on 11 March 1950. Details could not be observed because of an approaching patrol.

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(5) Four T34 tanks entered the barracks. One tank had the numerical designation [REDACTED] painted on its turret. A JS tank parking in front of the barracks, apparently because of motor defect, had the numerical designation [REDACTED] painted on its turret.

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(6) About 200 troops trained with tank and AT gun dummies on the Heller training field. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were observed in barracks traffic:

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d. Bucher Kaserne on Marienallee:

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(1) Occupied, as previously reported, by an LVD unit of battalion strength.

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(2) Besides motor vehicles with [REDACTED] ss, passenger cars [REDACTED] observed.

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e. Fallschirmjaeger Kaserne, Mickern:

(1) On 15 March 1950 occupied only by 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and without branch-of-service insignia. A radio station was still in the barracks area.

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(2) An envelope bearing [REDACTED] was found near the barracks.

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Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were observed in barracks traffic.

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f. AA gun emplacements near the Dresden autobahn bridge:

(1) Four canvas-covered AA guns of a caliber approximately corresponding to that of the German 88-mm AA gun were seen in the previously reported AA gun emplacements near the Raditz bridge between 1 and 15 March 1950. The emplacements were still being improved.

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(2) Passenger car [REDACTED] were identified there.

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(3) Four other gun emplacements (circular emplacements with a 15-meter diameter, ground covered with thick planks, sides lined with boards) were constructed about 700 meters north of the first emplacements by engineer troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, coming from the Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau. Trucks [REDACTED] were repeatedly observed hauling construction materials from the direction of the Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau. The gun emplacements were guarded by four patrols.

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2. a. Pionier Kaserne, Trachenberge:

(1) Between 1 and 15 March 1950 still occupied below capacity by 500 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with out branch-of-service insignia, with tank insignia and with artillery insignia.

(2) About 70 recruits marched from the Pionier Kaserne to the Koenig Georg Kaserne on 14 March 1950.

(3) Two companies of 80 to 100 troops each were observed at aiming practices with rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns near Hellerhofstrasse. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, the instructors the same epaulets with tank insignia.

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(4) An armored reconnaissance car with [REDACTED] under which the marking [REDACTED] was painted, moved into the barracks coming from [REDACTED] the

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direction of the Koenig Georg Kaserne (1).

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(5) Trucks [REDACTED] were identified:

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b. Koenig Georg Kaserne:

(1) Still occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops, most of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The troops allegedly belonged to a heavy tank regiment and a motor vehicle repair shop. The 15 tanks previously observed in the shed on Iroschehuelstrasse were still there. Tanks with the numerical designations 820 and 823 were seen in the barracks area. The tank with the numerical designation 820 had a red Soviet star painted above the figure 8 and, behind the number, the following marking: 

(2) Source reported: "The armored vehicles were of a design which I never saw before. Their turret was flat rather than arched. It mounted a 4 to 4 1/2-meter-long gun barrel of about 100 mm caliber. The paint of the vehicles was a light gray, unusual for Soviet tanks and motor vehicles. The streamlined construction of the tanks made them appear extremely low. They were about 2 meters high." (2)

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(3) Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified:

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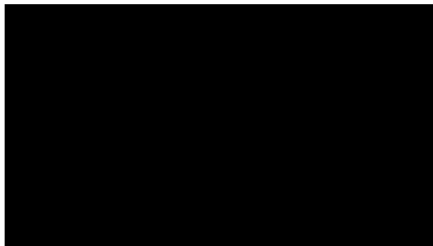
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(4) A convoy of trucks [redacted] parked in front of the barracks for a long time.

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c. MC Kaserne on Alsenplatz:

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Occupied by hardly more than 200 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a few with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Motor vehicles observed had numbers of the [redacted] series.

d. Schuetzen Kaserne north of Alsenplatz:

(1) Northern barracks section still occupied by troops wearing black epaulets with and without signal insignia. Twenty-five men were seen training with signal equipment (cables, overhead line construction rods and telephones).

(2) It was unusually quiet in the southern barracks section and in the headquarters buildings east of Tollerstrasse.

(3) The usual intensive work was done in the motor vehicle repair shop but no activity was seen in the storerooms for material.

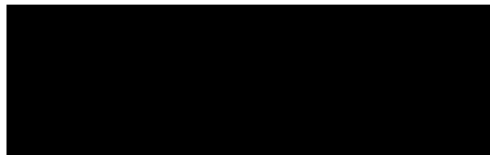
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(4) Jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were identified:

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e. Fallschirmjäger Kaserne, Niekorn:

(1) Occupied by 400 to 500 troops. According to a laborer five guns were stored in the barracks.

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(2) Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified:

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f. Reinstallation of a hospital in the Lahmann Sanatorium in Bad Reisser Hirsch, Dresden:

Having been used as a Soviet Army hospital until the Fall of 1949, the hospital was dissolved and the building was vacant for some time. During that period there were negotiations about its conversion into a youth recreation center. However, since late February 1950, a Soviet hospital ward, allegedly for patients with active tuberculosis, has been reinstalled in the sanatorium buildings. Trucks [REDACTED] were assigned to the hospital ward (3).

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3. Former Grenadier Kaserne on the SE end of Nordallee:

a. The barracks had previously been used for GMA purposes. However, recent rumors were that a Soviet army headquarters was now in the barracks. On 17 March 1950 guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, red-bordered green epaulets and red epaulets were observed in the immediate vicinity of the barracks.

b. There was much traffic of officers and EM.

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c. Ten motor vehicles with numbers of the [REDACTED] series and trucks with the [REDACTED] constituting only a very small percentage of the vehicles communicating there, were identified:

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Comment:

a. Troops at the Dresden military post.

The information on the occupation of the Dresden barracks and the training activities of troops generally corresponds with previous reports by the same source (4).

(1) Trachenberge Pioneer Kaserne (also called Wilder Mann SS Kaserne):

As the marking  was previously identified as the tactical symbol of component units of the First Gds Wehr Army, the observed armored reconnaissance car also belonged to a component unit of this army.

The ? No. (9th Gds ?) Mtrcl Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div is assumed to be stationed in the barracks. The observation of a tactical symbol with the number 9 is therefore considered a confirmation of the battalion as 9th Gds Mtrcl Bn up to 14 March 1950.

(2) Koenig Georg Kaserne:

The incomplete description of the tanks observed in this barracks may check with the JS-3 type. A ? No. hv Tank Bn Regt, directly assigned to the First Gds Wehr Army, is believed to be stationed in this barracks, according to periodic information and the evaluation of motor vehicle numbers.

(3) Lahmann Sanatorium: The information on the dissolution of the hospital in the sanatorium in the Fall of 1949 confirms previous reports. The statement that the sanatorium is again used as a hospital is given credence.

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Unknown

Repeatedly reported from Nieder-Sedlitz (railroad station of Dresden-Nickern) in 1948; last identified on Soviet documents from Koenigsbrueck in November 1949; probably assigned to a component unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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It is also possible that the  found at the Nickern barracks may read , which was also repeatedly reported from Nieder-Sedlitz in 1948.

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